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### 1. CHINA

REUTER (PEKING) REPORTS CHINESE PRESS TUES PUBLISHED MORE  
DETAILS OF RECENT FUKIEN UNREST--"BEATING, SMASHING AND  
LOOTING"--BUT SAID RIVAL GROUPS ARE SETTLING DIFFERENCES.

ACCORDING UPI (HK), HUA HAS ORDERED PLA TAKEOVER OF HONAN  
PROVINCE'S CHENGCHOW RAILWAY BUREAU, IN ORDER ELIMINATE  
"GANG OF FOUR'S" "POISONOUS INFLUENCE"/IMPROVE RAILWAY  
OPS (JOC, CHITRIB; PHINQ).

NCNA REPORTS "NEW HIGH-YIELDING OIL FIELD" NOW IN PRODUC-  
TION AT UNDISCLOSED NORTH PRC SITE. SEPARATE DISPATCH  
SAYS SHENGLI OIL FIELD IN SHANTUNG PROVINCE HAS "OVERFUL-  
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FULLED ITS 1976 STATE QUOTAS FOR CRUDE OIL AND OTHER  
MAJOR PRODUCTS" (UPI, JOC).

### 2. KOREA

WSTAR'S ANGLE (1/3) SAYS 95TH CONGRESS CONVENING UNDER  
SHADOW SK INFLUENCE-PEDDLING SCANDAL WHICH WILL SEVERELY

TEST NEW LEADERSHIP. SCANDAL/PUBLICITY SURROUNDING IT  
THREATEN DIVERT PUBLIC ATTENTION/CONG ENERGIES JUST AS

CARTER TRYING PUT ADMIN TOGETHER/LAUNCH HIS FIRST LEGISLATIVE PROGRAMS. SCANDAL NOW CENTERED HOUSE, BUT SENATE UNLIKELY ESCAPE IMPLICATION. CONTROVERSY HAS HEIGHTENED PRESSURES FOR TOUGH NEW ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR BOTH HOUSES.

NYT'S LYONS REPORTS NEW CONG LEADERS DETERMINED IMPOSE STRICT NEW REFORMS ON 95TH CONGRESS. ASSERTS 2 ETHICAL ISSUES HOUSE MUST DEAL WITH FIRST ARE SK INFLUENCE-BUYING/CONTINUATION IN POWER REP SIKES (D-FLA). HOUSE ETHICS CMTE ASSEMBLING STAFF FOR PROBE, CONSIDERING MULTIMILLION DOL BUDGET, AND MAY HIRE 60 INVESTIGATORS; AT LEAST 14 HOUSE MEMBERS ALREADY QUESTIONED BY FBI.

### 3. JAPAN

INFORMED SOURCES SAY FUKUDA WILL SOON SEND PERSONAL ENVOY TO WASHINGTON IN ORDER ESTABLISH CONTACT W/CARTER ADMIN, LAY GROUNDWORK FOR PM'S EXPECTED VISIT EARLY THIS YEAR (REUTER TOKYO).

MULLANEY (NYT) REVIEWS BACKGROUND ITC HEARINGS ON IMPORTS JAPANESE COLOR TVS/TUBES. NOTES COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS/FINDINGS TO PRES DUE 3/22. LABOR EXPECTS MORE SYMPATHY FROM CARTER THAN RECEIVED FROM FORD, THO US/JAPAN BOTH CONCERNED OVER DAMAGE TO FREE TRADE SHOULD RESTRAINTS BE IMPOSED.  
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IN ARTICLE ON POSSIBLE EARLY END USG'S GUARANTEE OF LOCKHEED CORP'S DEBT, UPI (LAT 12/31) REPORTS JAPAN RECENTLY DEFERRED DECISION ON COMMITMENTS BUY FIRM'S AIRBUSES AS RESULT ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYOFFS.

OVER 150,000 CROWDED INTO IMPERIAL PALACE GROUNDS 1/3 TO WISH HIROHITO HAPPY NEW YEAR. ONE MAN OUSTED FOR SHOUTING THAT EMPREOR SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED FOR WWII INVOLVEMENT (NYT, PHINQ).

GOJ REVERSES TREND IN LANGUAGE SIMPLIFICATION, ALLOWS 50 MORE IDEOGRAPHS BE USED IN DAILY PAPERS, EXTENDING NUMBER CHARACTERS USED TO 1900 (UPI, LAT 1/2).

SEIDEN SERIES CONTINUES W/REPORT FROM TOKYO. DESCRIBES POLLUTION/OVERCROWDING/INADEQUATE HOUSING, PLUS HIGHEST COST OF LIVING IN WORLD (SUN 1/1).

### 4. INDONESIA

NEWMAN (WSJ JAKARTA) DOES ITEM ON INDONESIA'S TRADITIONAL STORYTELLERS, WHOM GOI ENCOURAGES COMMUNICATE MESSAGES ON BIRTH CONTROL/RICE PRODUCTION/EVEN POL ADVERTISEMENT IN TRADITIONAL PUPPET SHADOW PLAYS. STORYTELLERS ALSO HAVE

OWN MIND, SOMETIMES USE PLAYS SUBTLY TO CRITICIZE GOVT.

5. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

UPI (LAT 12/31) REPORTS LIKELY EXODUS TUNA FISHING INDUSTRY FROM US IN FAVOR THOSE NATIONS W/FEWER FISHING RESTRICTIONS, SUCH AS NZ.

SOME 200 AUSTRALIAN SCIENTISTS SIGNED STATEMENT, PUBLISHED IN "NATIONAL TIMES" WEEKLY MAG, CALLING FOR GOA BAN ON MINING/EXPORT URANIUM. GROUP CLAIMS RISKS OUT-UNCLASSIFIED

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WEIGH ANY POSITIVE BENEFITS POSSIBLY GAINED THRU USE NUKE POWER (UPI, JOC).

AUSTRALIAN PUBLISHER MURDOCH SAYS HE HAS REACHED AGREEMENT W/NEW YORK MAG'S MAJOR STOCKHOLDERS TO PURCHASE OVER 50 PCT FIRM'S STOCK. MAG'S PRES HAS OBTAINED TEMPORARY COURT ORDER AIMED AT STOPPING SALE LARGEST BLOCK OF STOCK, OWNED BY NYC COUNCILMAN BURDEN (AP, CHITRIB).

6. INDOCHINA

AMONG ECON PROBLEMS FACING PRES-ELECT IS AID FOR VN; CARTER SAID IF CONGRESSIONAL MIA REPT TURNS OUT TRUE, ADMIN WILL HAVE GIVE CONSIDERATION TO AID/TRADE HANOI HAS HARPED ON "OBLIGATION" OF US GIVE AID; MOSCOW/PEKING AGREE, APPARENTLY CONCLUDED US WOULD NOT ACT LONG AS THEY SUPPLIED VN--SO BOTH CUT OFF MOST MASSIVE AID HAD BEEN GIVING HANOI (UPI, JOC).

VN PRAISES USIS LIBRARY AT SAIGON, SAYS "SURPASSES OTHER LIBRARIES," DESPITE MANY "REACTIONARY, UNSCIENTIFIC AND PRONOGRAPHIC" BOOKS (UPI, NYT).

7. THAILAND

CROWN PRINCE MARRIES COUSIN AFTER COURT ASTROLOGER DECIDED TIME RIGHT (CSM; UPI, WP). WEDDING TELEVISED, CROWDS CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT COUNTRY (AP, SUN). CHITRIB/NYDN CARRY UPI PIX; NYT/NYDN HAVE AP FOTOS. ANDELMAN (NYT) DESCRIBES CEREMONY/CELEBRATIONS. NOTES 40,000 CONVICTS TO BE PARDONED AS PART ROYAL AMNESTY. ADDS LEAFLETS, BELIEVED WORK OF LEFT-WING STUDENTS, QUIETLY CIRCULATED

THAT POINT OUT POSSIBLE GENETIC CONSEQUENCES OF MARRIAGE.

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LANDMINE KILLS THAI REPORTER FOR ABC-TV IN S THAILAND, SERIOUSLY WOUNDS KOREAN ABC-TV CAMERAMAN (AP, LAT 1/3; UPI, NYT). COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS STEP-UP OPNS IN N/S THAILAND, IMPOSE HEAVIEST RTG CASUALTIES YET DURING NOV (REUTER BANGKOK).

RTG POLICE SEIZE 120 LBS HEROIN BELIEVED HEADED FOR EUROPE (REUTER, LAT 1/1).

#### 8. BURMA

THREE CASES BUBONIC PLAGUE REPORTED CENTRAL BURMA. HEALTH AUTHORITIES REPORTEDLY TOOK PROMPT MEASURES PREVENT SPREAD (AFP, WP).

#### 9. PHILIPPINES

SHERIDAN (LAT 1/2) REPORTS MARCOS DESIGNATED 1977 AS YR FOR REUNION FOR PEACE FOR BOTH ALLIED/AXIS VETS WHO SERVED IN PHILS. DESCRIBES SPECIAL RATES AVAILABLE, MAJOR TOURIST SIGHTS.

POLIO OUTBREAK KILLS AT LEAST 25 CHILDREN IN FISHING VILLAGE 300 MI SE MANILA (AP, LAT 1/3).

#### 10. GENERAL

AMB JOHN E. REINHARDT, EX-ENVOY TO NIGERIA, REPORTEDLY WILL HEAD USIA IN CARTER ADMIN (WP).

#### 11. ADD NEWS - PHILIPPINES

PRES MARCOS SAYS PLEBISCITE MUST BE HELD IN 13 S PHIL PROVINCES TO DETERMINE WHICH WANT JOIN PROPOSED AUTONOMOUS MOSLEM REGION. PRES STATED AUTONOMY WOULD NOT INFRINGE TERR INTEGRITY/SOVEREIGNTY PHILS AND WOULD UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCORD W/CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES. NO DATE YET DECIDED, THO PRES INDICATED WOULD BE AFTER 2ND ROUND PEACE TALKS STARTING 2/5 (REUTER MANILA).

#### COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

#### 12. KOREA

LAT'S CHANDLER (1/3) DOES LENGTHY FEATURE RE TUCSON'S FREEDOM OF THOUGHT FOUNDATION"--"DEPROGRAMMING" CENTER FOR YOUNG FOLLOWERS NEW RELIGIOUS SECTS/CULTS. FOUNDA-

TION REPS SAY CALLED UPON "DEPROGRAM" 10 REV MOON FOLLOWERS ("MOONIES") FOR EVERY 1 ANY OTHER GROUP.

13. JAPAN

NYT OPINES IMPORT CONTROLS, SUCH AS THOSE BEING DEMANDED BY EEC ON JAPANESE PRODUCTS, WOULD ASSURE FURTHER DECLINE IN GROWTH RATES. ADVOCATES FREE TRADE, COORDINATED EFFORTS FOR FASTER STIMULATION US/FRG/JAPAN ECONOMIES.

14. CHINA

WP'S MATHEWS (HK) SAYS REPORTED MIL TAKEOVER OF CHENGCHOW RAILWAY BUREAU CONFIRMS EARLIER RUMORS OF SERIOUS TROUBLE ON CHINESE RR'S. SEES MOVE HOLDING PITFALLS FOR HUA, IN LIGHT OF MAO/CHOU POST-GPCR DIFFICULTIES WITH MILITARY WHEN THEY ATTEMPTED RESTORE MEASURE OF CIVILIAN PARTY CONTROL.

TORONTO GOLBE AND MAIL'S MUNRO (PEKING) OBSERVES THAT SOME ANALYSTS THERE THINK PRC LEADERS REVIVING STORIES OF VIOLENCE THAT LARGELY OCCURRED MANY MONTHS AGO TO JUSTIFY FURTHER STRONG MEASURES AGAINST RADICALS. NOTES LACK OF TIME FRAME, COMBINED WITH LURID LANGUAGE USED IN PRC UNCLASSIFIED

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RADIO BROADCASTS, HAS LED TO FOREIGN NEWS REPORTS THAT ALLOW READERS INCORRECTLY CONCLUDE VIOLENCE UPSURGE IS UNDERWAY NOW IN SOME PROVINCES (CSM).

BUTTERFIELD (NYT HK) SAYS PUBLICITY GIVEN DISPATCH OF TROOPS TO HONAN APPEARS PART OF PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN AGAINST "GANG OF FOUR," APPARENTLY ORDERED AT NOV NATIONAL PROPAGANDA CONFERENCE.

BUTTERFIELD (1/1) ADVISES THAT DESPITE WIDESPREAD REPORTS OF PRC DISORDER, WOULD BE MISTAKE TO ENVISION COUNTRY AS FALLING APART. IS LARGE, MANY AREAS NOT AFFECTED. IN SUCH AREAS, IMPORTANT QUESTION MAY BE WHETHER HUA CAN RESTORE CONFIDENCE IN PARTY LEADERSHIP, REKINDLE SENSE OF NATIONAL PURPOSE AMONG INCREASINGLY APATHETIC POPULATION.

CDN'S BEECH (HK) SEES PRC BREAKING OUT IN RASH OF TROUBLES, MORE TYPICAL OF OLD WARLORD DAYS THAN IMAGE OF DISCIPLINED/HARD-WORKING/HIGH-MINDED NATION ITS COMMUNIST RULERS PROJECT (1/1-2).

TO CSM, REPORTS OF VIOLENCE/INTERNAL DISORDERS APPEAR PART OF NEW REGIME'S EFFORT CONSOLIDATE POWER/POPULARITY; IS ALSO CHINA OPERATING IN USUAL INSCRUTABLE WAY TO HIDE TRUE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT'S REALLY TAKING PLACE THERE.

NYT FEELS ENOUGH INFO HAS FILTERED OUT SO AT LEAST PRELIMINARY EVALUATION IS POSSIBLE THAT MERCILESS POWER

STRUGGLE UNDERWAY. HUA SOUNDING FULL RETREAT FROM GPCR'S FANATICISM, THOUGH TOO EARLY ASSUME HE'S CERTAIN TO BE MAO'S SUCCESSOR. SEES NO CAUSE FOR JOY OVER TURMOIL, SINCE WE HAVE SELF-INTERESTED REASONS HOPE FOR EMERGENCE STRONG/UNIFIED/INDEPENDENT PRC.

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LESLIE (LAT 1/3) DESCRIBES ROLE RC CHURCH IN PHIL LIFE, REVIEWS RECENT CONTROVERSY W/MARTIAL LAW GOVT. SEES GOP/CHURCH INVOLVED IN CONFLICT THAT PROBABLY WILL DETERMINE WHETHER CHURCH REMAINS POLITICALLY INDEPENDENT. QUOTES INVOLVED CLERICS, GIVES VARYING POINTS OF VIEW WITHIN CHURCH.

16. TRANSITION

MIDDLETON (NYT) REVIEWS WORLD MIL SITUATION CONFRONTING CARTER. MENTIONS AREAS MIL TENSION INCL NW PAC WHERE US PRESENCE SK/JAPAN LOOKED UPON BY SK/JAPAN/PRC AS COUNTER USSR STRENGTH IN AREA. ADDS SOVIETS INTERESTED IN SUB BASE AT HAIPHONG, RIGHT USE CAM RANH BAY FACILITIES; EITHER WOULD POSITION FORCES CLOSE TO JAPAN'S SUPPLY LINES TO INDONESIA/ME.

NYT SPEC FINDS "JITTERY GROPING" IN WASHINGTON. REPORTS JAPANESE TRYING LEARN WHETHER CYRUS VANCE HAS EVER HAD CONTACT W/JAPAN, GUESS WHAT POLICY TOWARD JAPAN WILL BE. SAYS FOUND OUT VANCE/HOLBROOKE (REPORTEDLY IN LINE TO BE ASST SECY FOR EA) HAVE HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN JAPANESE MATTERS. DESCRIBES SKOREANS AS MUCH MORE JITTERY, DUE INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL.

FRITCHEY (LAT 1/2) TRIES FORESEE NEW PRES' FOPOLICY. BELIEVES WILL START PUTTING RELS W/ESTRANGED NATIONS ON SANER/SAFER BASIS. SAYS INVOLVES REPOSTURING US W/PRC/TAIWAN/NK/SK/VN/CUBA/PANAMA. OPINES RELS W/PRC WOULD HAVE BEEN NORMALIZED BY NOW EXCEPT FOR WATERGATE/ELECTION POLITICS. SEES NO REASON WHY CARTER ADMIN COULD NOT CON-PIKUE TRADE/CULTURAL -RELS W/TAIWAN AFTER RECOXNIZYOG PEKING. PREDICTS INFLUENCE-BUYING SCANDAL-PROPITIOUS FOR INCOMING PRES, SINCE WILL REDUCE CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO REDUCING US INVOLVEMENT SK. NOTES US ONLY MAJOR POWER NOT RECOGNIZING VN, BUT MIA PRETEXT LARGELY ELIMINATED BY UNCLASSIFIED

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17. GENERAL

GLOBE'S BEECHER (WSTAR 1/1) REVIEWS HAK ACHIEVEMENTS/  
LEGACY; SAYS LEGEND MUST STILL BE DEALT WITH. OPINES HARD  
EVALUATE SECSTATE PERFORMANCE IN DISENGAGING US FORCES  
FROM VN WAR. RECALLS OPENING TO PRC, PEKING'S ATTITUDE  
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